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THE DAMAGE IS ALREADY DONE, BUT BOB NELSON APOLOGIZES TO DANNEMEYER FOR NAZI REMARKS.
U.S. Sen. John Seymour's campaign consultant, Bob Nelson of Orange Co., is in HOT political water for comparing U.S. Rep. Bill Dannemeyer's supporters to a bunch of Nazis and for taking a verbal shot at religious broadcaster Pat Robertson. A conservative hardliner, Dannemeyer is challenging the more moderate Seymour for the 1992 GOP U.S. Senate nomination...

...Nelson's remarks are unbelievable, given his position, and first made print May 20th in a story by L.A. Times political reporter Dave Lesh. The Lesh story has run only in the Orange Co. section of the paper, but may run soon in the L.A. section...

...In the story, which focuses on the congressman, Nelson begins by saying Dannemeyer is a "dear old guy." But then he begins his tirade by saying the groups supporting Dannemeyer are political extremists "who have no influence over the majority of the Republican Party."...

...It gets better (or worse). "This is not Bavaria in 1932. These brown shirts are not going to be able to convert Calif. into some kind of radical extremism to purge those who do not fit the model of the pure Aryan race. They're delusional (and) the only ones they're deluding are the poor little old ladies who are writing checks to the Pat Robertsons of the world because he's promising them life ever after," Nelson said. If ever there was a story where a quote could destroy a political campaign, Lesh wins the prize...

...Nelson has written Dannemeyer a letter of apology and CALPEEK sources say that Seymour is making phone calls too. But the pressure is building on Seymour to DUMP Nelson. A May 23 letter signed by Dannemeyer

co-chair H.L. Richardson calls for Nelson's resignation. If Nelson doesn't resign, some CALPEEK sources think Seymour ought to fire him. If he doesn't, Nelson's statement has the potential to cause severe damage to the campaign. Stay tuned...

46th A.D. UPDATE: RACE BEGINS TO TIGHTEN.
Editor's note: With the special election to replace retired Assemblyman Mike Roos(D) set for June 4th in mid-L.A.'s 46th A.D., here is CALPEEK's final update...

...With 15 candidates in the race, there will be a July 31st runoff. The lone GOP candidate, Geoff Church, plus a P&F and a Libertarian candidate, will face off with one of 12 Demos. Right now the two strongest Demos in this field are L.A. Asst. City Atty. John Emerson and L.A. Dep. City Controller Barbara Friedman. Both have money, excellent campaign teams, have been walking like there was no tomorrow and have given the post office loads of work. Here's CALPEEK's newest pecking order:

- TOP TIER - Emerson and Friedman.
- VERY CREDIBLE - Bob Burke, T.S. Chung, Kathleen Torres and Keith Umemoto.
- POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGH - Jill Halver
son.
- LONGSHOTS - Mike Cacciotti, Sal Genovese, John Ladner, Adam Schiff and Joselyn Yap...

...CALPEEK has dropped Burke from the top tier because his fundraising has not kept pace with either Emerson or Friedman. In fact, a key element separating the Demos is MONEY. Those in the 4th tier probably won't have the resources for a strong fin-

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ish, based upon the most current report; although some campaigns (such as Schiff) claim to have raised more funds since that report was filed (5/23)...

...Is Burke totally out of the running? No way. He could still win the race if he is able to galvanize the large gay community in the Silverlake area...

...And make no mistake, SILVERLAKE is one of the keys in this race. Virtually all of the candidates are concentrating on this high voter area. So the question then becomes: where will the other votes come from???

...If you are Torres, you're hoping that the 11,000+ Latino voters will turn out to support you. However, Latinos have a rather poor history of voting - but there is that potential. For Chung, his team hopes to capitalize on the Korean vote in the 46th. The Korean community has been very generous to Chung (he has raised more than \$181,000 -- 2nd to Emerson and about \$6,000 more than Friedman). However, there are only about 2,500 Korean-Americans registered in the 46th. As for Umemoto, his campaign is banking on a heavy cross-over vote from whites and community activists who are familiar with his family's long standing in the community. In addition, there are about 1,800 Japanese surnamed voters in the 46th. All three minority candidates have enough money to pull even with the frontrunners...

...For Halverson, had she started this contest 3 weeks sooner, she'd probably be in the thick of the battle, ranked in either the 1st or 2nd tier. Nevertheless, she's still a factor because she pulls votes from both Emerson and Friedman. Could she pull enough to win??? Perhaps...

...Is an upset possible? Yes, but to do so a candidate would have to find a way to defeat both Emerson AND Friedman -- and would need indirect help from at least 2-3 other campaigns. There would have to be lots of NEGATIVE mail aimed at Emerson and Friedman in the closing days and right now CALPEEK sources don't think that will happen. Stay tuned...

33rd ANNUAL PACIFIC COAST BUILDERS CONFAB.
The PCBC, which is sponsored by the Calif. Building Industries Assn.(CBIA), will conduct its annual conference June 26-29 at the Moscone Convention Center, S.F. The theme for this year's conference is "Western Visions." Among the political types scheduled to speak are HUD Sec. Jack Kemp and CA State Treas. Kathleen Brown. For info about registration (415)543-2600. Advance registration deadline June 14...

L.A. CITY ELECTION: SOME VERY TIGHT RACES.
Editor's note: There are 4 council runoff elections and 1 council special primary set for June 4. Here is CALPEEK's final update on these L.A. City Council contests...

- 8th District - This is perhaps the most difficult of the contests to predict. In this race to replace Councilman Robert Farrell, conventional wisdom says that SCLC exec. director Mark Ridley-Thomas is the candidate to beat. But is conventional wisdom a match for an endorsement by popular U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters(D), who is backing political consultant Rod Wright? CALPEEK rates this contest a TOSS-UP. If Wright should win, it would give Waters a big boost in her fight with L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley, who is backing Ridley-Thomas...

- 9th District - About 15 days ago most CALPEEK sources would have rated this contest as a win for L.A. School Board member Rita Walters over political aide Bob Gay, who worked for the late Gilbert Lindsay. But this was before the latest city hall disclosures. For those CALPEEK readers in No. Calif., here's what happened. The L.A. Times produced a computer print out of a message from Deputy Mayor Mark Fabiani to staffers urging them to attend a fundraiser for Walters. Bradley has "reprimanded" those involved and the L.A.P.D. is investigating the incident. In case you've forgotten, it is a felony under State law for public officials and their aides to use taxpayer resources for campaign purposes. CALPEEK sources believe if this incident is COVERED UP, it could spell political doom for L.A. Co. DA Ira Reiner...

...Bradley is being Bradley (ducking questions) and Walters is embarrassed by this whole thing. And it cost Walters an important editorial endorsement from the L.A.

Times, who had endorsed her in the primary. The contest itself has gotten very nasty in the past week. Bottomline: you still have to give the edge to Walters because of name ID and years of hard work on the school board, but because of this incident, Gay has an issue which could cause an upset...

- 6th District - Many insiders think this runoff between freshman incumbent Ruth Galanter and rival Mary Lee Gray should never have happened. Galanter missed an outright win in the primary by 250 votes. She still has the resources and despite the fact that Galanter has made some stupid mistakes on the stump, she should win reelection. If Gray were to win, it would have to be considered a MAJOR upset. If there is an UNKNOWN factor, it is 3rd place finisher Sal Grammatico, who got 15% in the primary. He has endorsed Gray. If Grammatico's slow growth supporters follow his lead, the contest could be close...

- 12th District - In this S.F. Valley district, two-term incumbent Hal Bernson is under siege from L.A. School Board member Julie Korenstein. Bernson got only 34.5% in the primary --- not very good for a guy who in two previous contests had crushed his opponents. But in those races Bernson wasn't on the defensive about the controversial Porter Ranch development. After the primary Bernson hired a new campaign manager, Harvey Englander, who has turned things around, putting Korenstein on the defensive about her record on the school board and her past political activities. In addition, Bernson is now playing up his long standing support for L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates. He also won the endorsement of the L.A. Daily News. Whether this will be enough remains to be seen, but some CALPEEK sources think Bernson now at least has a fighting chance to hold his seat. The key for Bernson is getting those GOP voters to the polls. A month ago many insiders would have tapped Korenstein as an easy winner --- but NOT now...

- 1st District - This is the special election primary to replace new L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina. After having watched the candidates debate on Century Cable TV, it's easy to understand why voters may be having a tough time deciding who to vote for. All six candidates are good. The

frontrunner in terms of money and name ID is Mike Hernandez, who also carries the endorsement of Molina. If Hernandez should win this race without a runoff, Molina's endorsement should be regarded as GOLDEN. This is one very real aspect of this contest...

...Will there be a runoff? That's the \$64 question. If there is, most seem to think it will be Hernandez vs. Frank Juarez Foster or Sandra Figueroa. However, watch out for Sharon Mee Yung Lowe. She's got loads of yard signs and in community forums she really shines. If Lowe has a problem, it's that she's running as an ethnic Asian in a district that is mostly Latino...

KEY POLITICAL QUESTION: WILL RECENT COURT RULING PUT ABORTION BACK ON FRONT BURNER??

The U.S. Supreme Court's recent gag order on discussing ABORTION for those who work at family planning clinics which are partially funded with U.S. tax dollars, has the potential to reignite this once hot political topic here in Calif., especially among Republicans...

...Had the ruling come prior to the May 14 special elections in the 1st S.D. and 26th A.D. contests, some CALPEEK sources think the results might have been closer. In both elections, Pro-LIFE conservative Republicans crushed Pro-CHOICE Demos. In the case of the 26th A.D. special, the CA Abortion Rights Action League tried to make abortion a campaign issue, but voters were totally turned off to the Demo candidate --- Patti Garamendi. She was slaughtered by Pro-LIFE GOPer Dean Andal, who made TAXES (not abortion) his key issue...

...In fact, except for Demo Patrick Johnston's special election win in the 5th S.D. in early 1991, conservative Pro-LIFE candidates have scored 3 straight victories and could be in line to win 2 more - in the upcoming specials in the 67th A.D. in Orange Co. (for John Lewis's seat) and in the 5th A.D. in Sacto (for Tim Leslie's seat)...

...The abortion issue is especially touchy among Republicans, where rank and file members are split between the two sides, with Pro-LIFE GOPers generally better organized. Examples: in both earlier specials where

Lewis and Leslie won, they both defeated Pro-CHOICE Republican candidates in their primaries. In the case of Lewis, he not only battled Pro-CHOICE GOPer Dana Reed, but two other Pro-LIFE conservatives. Remember where Reed finished? A poor 4th and he wasn't strapped for money. In Leslie's primary, he defeated El Dorado Co. Sup. Bob Dorr, who was also Pro-CHOICE...

...Adding more fuel to the GOP fire is Gov. Pete Wilson's decision to replace any U.S. money lost by family planning clinics with State money. If this happens, the Pro-LIFE Republicans will be after Wilson's head...

...As for why the Pro-CHOICE Republicans seem to be having such a tough time these days, there's a simple answer. While they give money and lend their names to causes and candidates, when the time comes to walk a precinct or work a phone bank, it's the conservative/Pro-LIFE forces who win the prize for dedication to politics. So far, at least, Pro-CHOICE Republicans haven't learned this lesson. Stay tuned...

U.S. SENATE UPDATE: NEW L.A. TIMES POLL.

Editor's note: The L.A. Times has just released new polling data for both U.S. Senate seats up for grabs next year. The results are similar to the KCRA-TV poll that CALPEEK reported on last week...

...On the Republican side, for the open seat now held by retiring Alan Cranston(D), U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell holds a 34% to 28% lead over Bruce Herschensohn, with 38% undecided. If U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan is added to the contest, Campbell gets 24%, Dornan 21% and Herschensohn 20%, with 34% undecided and 1% for "someone else."...

...For Demos (same seat), the leader is former Gov. Jerry Brown at 24%, Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy at 20%, Controller Gray Davis at 17%, U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer at 9% and U.S. Rep. Mel Levine at 3%. U.S. Rep. Bob Matsui is at 8%, but he dropped out of the race 2 days after the poll was completed. 19% are undecided...

...For the short term/2 yr. senate seat, appointed U.S. Sen. John Seymour(R) holds a 44% to 16% lead over U.S. Rep. Bill Danner(R), with 40% undecided. On the Demo side, former S.F. Mayor Dianne Feinstein

holds a 57% to 33% lead over Gray Davis, with 10% undecided. It appears as though Davis does better running for the other senate seat, although he easily beats Seymour in a 1-on-1 match. Stay tuned...

ECOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AT UCLA.

Mark your calendars for June 21 & 22. That will be the date of the FIRST Los Angeles Ecological Cities Conference - to be conducted at UCLA. Conference theme is "Urban Growth and The Environment: Forging a Partnership for Our Future." L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley is scheduled to deliver the opening address. The meeting is designed to bring developers, architects, builders, urban & citizen planners, contractors and other environmental professionals together. Con-fab organizers are The Eco-Home Network, Cooperative Resources & Services Project and the UCLA Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Planning. Cost of the 2-day conference is \$150; attendance limited to 400. For info (213)386-8873...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- The PBN Co. has moved to a new office at Three Embarcadero Center, Ste. 2210, S.F. 94111, (415)989-0536...

- Elena Stern, former top press aide to Assemblyman Richard Katz(D), is now Dep. Press Sec. to Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi(D). New job started Apr. 1...

- Cerrell Associates has opened a new office in Sacto at 915 "L" St., Ste. 1010, Sacto 95814 (916)447-3993. David Edlund is in charge, with Jo Ann Walker as office manager. Joe Barish of SRJ-Jackson, Barish & Associates, serves as sr. counselor...

- Campaign consultant Paul Kinney wins a 1991 Silver Telly award for a 30-second TV spot used by 20 Demo House candidates in the 1990 election...

- American Data Management of Mt. View has had its contract for voter files renewed by the Demo Party of Hawaii. ADM also has the contract for voter files with the Demo Parties of Calif. and Florida...